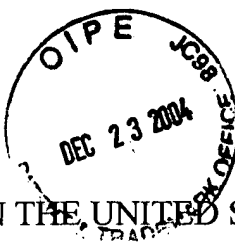


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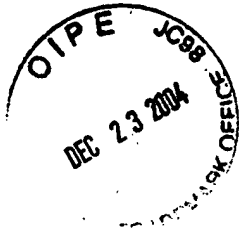
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed September 27, 2004, and to the Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicants wish to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application.

In this regard, while Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain features are not disclosed or taught by the prior art, Applicants further wish to make clear that the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and that patentability of these claims is also based on the totality of the features recited therein, which define over the prior art.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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